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As the new editors Darlene and I would very much like to congratulate Caryl Radcliff and Heather Vettters for an excellent Jan., Feb. issue. Also, thank you Shelly Ball for your contributions to the past issue.

We would like to thank all the faithful people who have hung-in-there with us through our many months of "No Shows". Special regards to Leonard Peltier #89637 Marion, Ill., Cliff Maskery #1476 Millhaven Inst., Lawrence Hussey #62342 Rashway State, N.J., Larry Joe Ross #52 Huntsville Texas, Willie Jasper Darden, Death Row, Florida State Prison. And to all the brothers and sisters of this system a very big "High".

A very special thank you to Kathy Misener and Debbie Groat for their work putting this paper on the Word Processors. Their contribution to Tightwire has been great. Picking out all our spelling and typing errors, putting it all together in an orderly and professional manner.

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THE COLD WITHIN

Six humans trapped by happenstance
In black and bitter cold
Each one possessed a stick of wood,
Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs,
The first woman held hers back
For on the faces around the fire
She noticed one was black.

The next man looking cross the way
Saw one not of his church,
And could't bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes
He gave his coat a hitch.
Why should his log be put to use
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought
Of the wealth he had in store.
And how to keep what he had earned
From the lazy, shiftless poor.

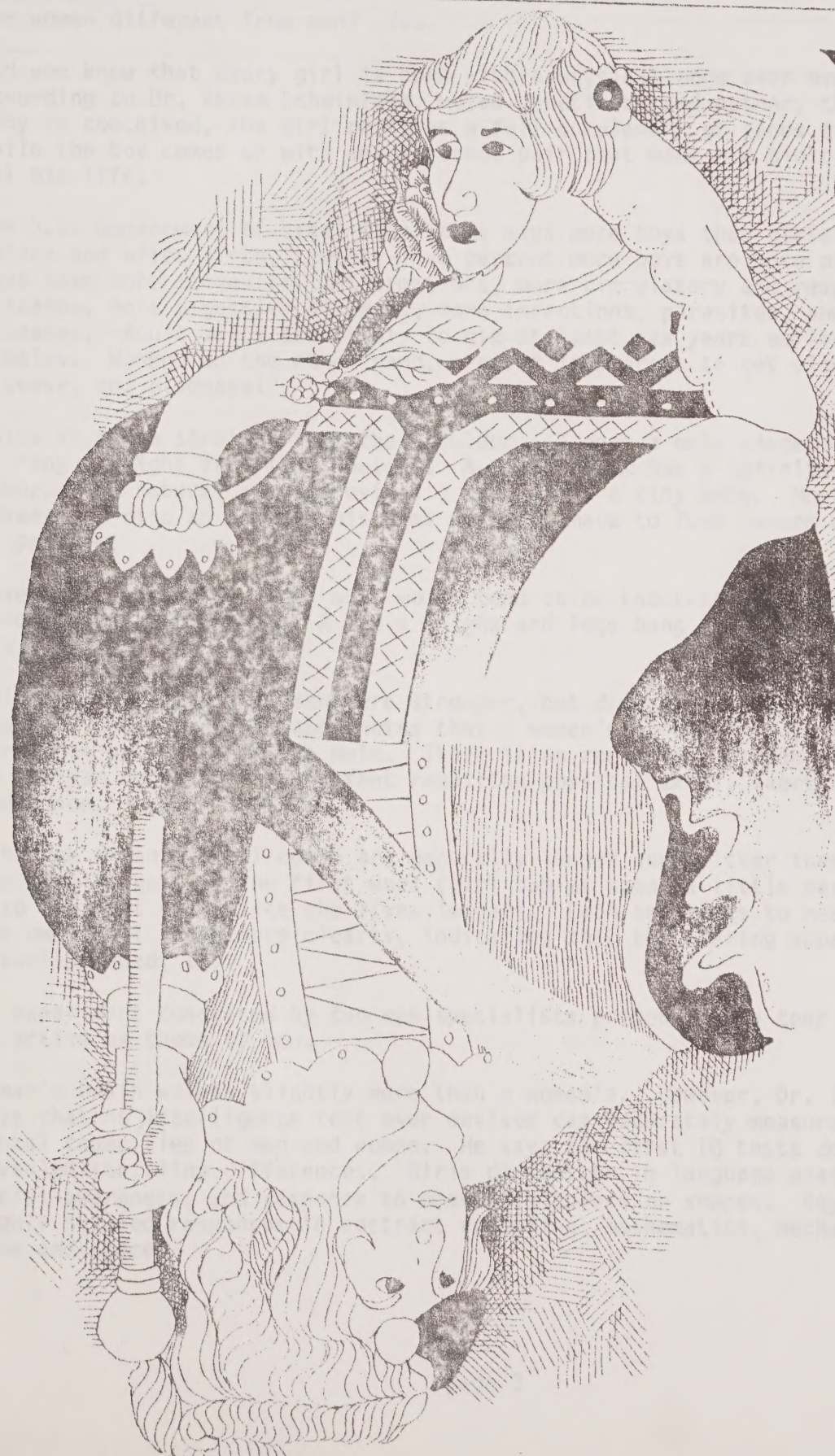
The black man's face bespoke revenge
As the fire passed from his sight,
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.

And the last man of this forlorn group
Did naught except for gain.
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.

The logs held tight in death's still hands
Was proof of human sin.
They didn't die from the cold without,
They died from the cold within.

This was written by a 12 year old girl.

Yes,



WOMEN ARE DIFFERENT

Are women different from men? Yes.

Did you know that every girl is born with a physical edge over every boy? According to Dr. Amram Scheinfeld, noted geneticist and author, the moment the baby is conceived, the girl receives a full complement of genes and chromosomes while the boy comes up with an unmatched pair that make him biologically weaker all his life.

The U.S. Department of Vital Statistics says more boys than girls die both before and after birth. Twenty-five percent more boys are born prematurely. Boys have more congenital malformations, more circulatory and respiratory diseases, more digestive diseases, more infections, parasites, and viral diseases. Adult males are likely to die at least six years earlier than females. Women, on the other hand, are far less prone to get ulcers, heart disease, and blindness!

"Give it to me straight from the shoulder..." goes a male adage. A man's arms hang straight from the shoulder. A woman's arm has a definite bend at the elbow. The natural curve provides a cradle for a tiny baby. Most men feel awkward holding an infant; his arms were not made to feel secure with that kind of package.

Have you ever noticed that most women tend to be knock-kneed? A woman's legs bend inward at the knee. A man's thighs and legs hang in straight lines from his hips.

We've always known that men were stronger, but did you know how much stronger? The U.S. Department of Labor notes that a woman's strength is just a little more than half that of the male. There is no record of a woman beating a man in similar condition in any feat requiring physical skill, exertion, and endurance.

Although a man's vocal cords are generally longer and thicker than a woman's, she usually gets in the first word (girl babies speak a little earlier) and also the last one (since she lives longer). Each sex tends to hear sound in its own vocal range more clearly, indicating that the hearing apparatus is sexually tuned, too.

An experiment conducted by two eye specialists proved female tear ducts twice as active as those of men.

A man's brain weighs slightly more than a woman's. However, Dr. Scheinfeld says that no intelligence test ever devised can accurately measure the relative mental capacities of men and women. He says the first IQ tests developed revealed startling differences. Girls did better in language usage, memory, social awareness, and response to beauty in colors or shapes. Boys showed more highly skilled responses in abstract reasoning, mathematics, mechanics, and time and space.

To note examples of differences in thinking, psychologists Lewis Terman and Catherine Miles administered a word association test to a group of men and women. The word closet made most females think of "clothes," while males responded "door". Charm to women meant "beauty", while the masculine mind pictured "snake". The word home elicited womanly thoughts of warmth, family, and love, but practical gentlemen replied, "house".

What does it mean, then, to "think like a woman"? Many women tend toward detailed thinking of specific needs and desires. Women generally personalize their thought processes so responses are conditioned by their emotional make-ups and intuitive natures. Women tend to search for motives and feelings behind every happening. A man often thinks more abstractly, seeing situations and people in a more general way. He is basically logical and rational while a woman may react to how she feels. He is more objective. She is more subjective. She tends to be more interested in people.

Closely related to thoughts are emotions. A woman is more likely to express her emotions than a man. Determining to use feminine emotional power in a positive way is vital. Our responses have the capacity to hurt or to heal, to communicate or to alienate.

Psychological studies show that a man may be aroused more quickly emotionally, but he also recovers faster as logic and rational take control. Thus, he tends to be more emotionally stable. He is likely to be more irritable, more excitable, and more impatient than a woman. This almost seems contradictory, but because a man thinks in broad terms, he doesn't like to be bothered with what he considers trivial matters. A woman notices these small things, stores them, emotionally analyzes them, and one day erupts. A man is more likely to face each irritation abruptly, then forget it.

Two can gain a perspective that neither is capable of alone. We need each other!

By Connie Rae

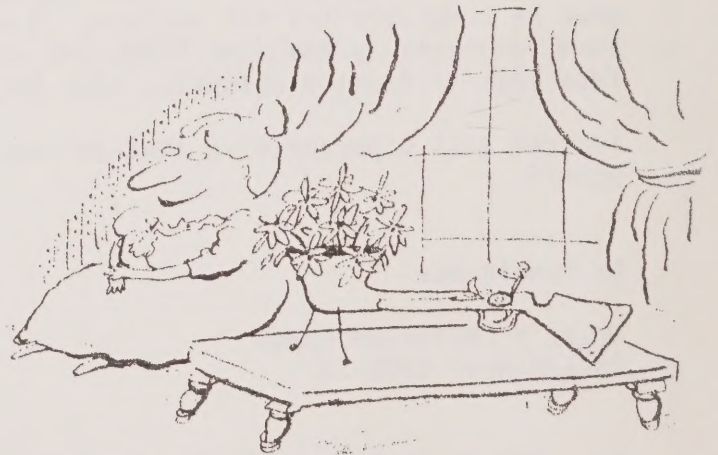
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Fall/Winter 1978-79.

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IF WOMEN HAD - 2 -



...BEEN FIRST TO VISIT THE MOON.



...INVENTED THE GUN.



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WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD A PRISON SYSTEM WHICH RELIES ON ITS OWN FOUL PATIENTS
TO INFORMERS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE WALLS.

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MAKING A KILLING CHILD KILLER AND THE R.C.M.P.

In the public enquiry which is now being called for the \$100,000 payment to Clifford Olson, B.C. convicted murderer of eleven children, we should also examine a prison and police system which appears to be so dependent upon its informers. Olson was paid by the R.C.M.P. \$10,000 for each body he led the police to. It seems the police could not crack the case without his "cooperation".

Who are the "whole bunch of people....involved" who Crown prosecutor John Hall now admits had to be considered when he personally agreed to the police payment? (Vancouver Province 1/15/82)

Do they include the warden at the B.C. Pen in 74 when Olson repeatedly raped a 17 year old prisoner but was never formally charged and the information was removed from his file in return for his duties as an informer? Or the Nova Scotia police who "refused to discuss why Olson was never charged with indecent assault? (Vancouver Sun 1/14/82) Or the Pacific Regional Correction Service of Canada (CSC) Director, Doug MacGregor, who now "admits Olson never received any psychiatric help....we never beleived it was needed"? (Prov. 1/15/82) Or the Toronto police who issued a warrant for his arrest on 2 buggery charges but didn't follow up the letter they sent to the Parole Service (B.C.) after they learned charges were dropped? (Sun 1/15/82) Or prison spokesman Jack Stewart, who states that "there was nothing in Olson's record to indicate that he displayed violent and persistent sexual behavior"? (Sun 1/14/82)

The pattern continues: In Montreal, a hired killer is being granted immunity for the 30 odd murders he committed, for testimony on crime in the city.

A system that "doesn't lay" or "drops" charges must now accept its share of the responsibility for these victims. This same prison system still has no effective program to help sex offenders.

Please note - this is not to be misconstrued to mean that all prisoners should be judged in this light. The issue is the justice system and its informers.

How very scrupulous of the B.C. Attorney General and the Federal Solicitor-General to insist on abiding by the \$100,000 payment to Olson. They even insist that the R.C.M.P.'s word is their bond. But, whenever a deal is made with prisoners holding hostages, and succeed thereby in having the hostages released unharmed, there has never been an instance when the prison officials have not publicly boasted of reneging on the "deal" since it was made under duress.

I, personally, hope that we can at least extend to the grieving families the assurance that every effort is being made to truly open up the prisons to public surveillance, instead of the the futile internal enquiries and self appointed committees.

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Ironically enough, Claire was barred from the remaining Pacific Regional Federal pens, (for some reason, the authorities don't like to let her visit prisoners) for publicly stating that "Cliff Olson is obviously a very, very sick man...product of the Canadian Penitentiary System...not an aberation, not some rarity...but one of the many whose sickness is not being treated while in prison" (Kingston Whig-Standard 10/6/81)





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NUTRITION AND YOUR HEALTH

Nutrition has been a topic of increasing concern in today's health conscious society. This has led to a boom in the recent role of paperbacks devoted to dieting. One must be careful when planning a diet especially if proper nutrition is to be maintained along with a decrease in calorie intake. Many misconceptions are quite common among dieters. For instance, potatoes are frequently eliminated because they are considered to be a fattening food. Conversely potatoes are a very nutritious foodstuff of limited energy value. A medium potato has a mere 100 calories. Even with butter (add 100 calories per tbs.) it is far less than an average restaurant steak of 800 calories.

However don't confuse the potato in its' skin with french fries and potato chips. They've been immersed in saturated fat and covered with salt decreasing nutritional value while increasing drastically the number of calories.

The main problems with the diets of North Americans today is consumption of too much of the wrong foods. Salt, sugar, and alcohol are probably the most abusive elements in a typical diet. All can be physiologically harmful in large quantities. I also think beef and pork are foods consumed in abusive quantities. These foodstuffs have large concentrations of saturated animal fats which have been implicated in heart disease, yet most families still eat large amounts of these meats every night when the day's activities are behind them.

Another problem is the refining of foods. So-called "enriched" bread has had all the B-vitamins removed while replacing only three: thiamine, niacin and riboflavin. Why don't they call it "enraped" bread. B-vitamins are water soluble and must be consumed everyday to maintain a healthy existence, yet the main source, whole grains, are robbed of most of these through refining. The food industry will do anything to minimize losses due to spoilage. This is why one must be careful when considering diet alternatives.

My suggestions for a healthy diet are lots of fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, fish, poultry (with skin removed), organ meats, and dairy products in their natural state. And above all meals should be small, decreasing in size as the day progresses remembering to eat a little of everything and not a lot of anything.

By Gary Rasmussen.

EDITORS' NOTE:

My special thanks to Gary for writing this article for Tightwire. I find Gary's knowledge on Nutrition is very wide and I strongly suggest that if anyone has any questions regarding diet, please contact Gary in the school.

NUCLEAR WAR

In response to the film "Nuclear War" brought into the P.4.W. March 3rd, 1982. It struck me as ironic that the Federal Systems are constantly building new Penitentiaries to house more persons sentenced to the life sentence for MURDER and to employ many more persons to guard them. Yet, Canada is supplying both the uranium and the technology to the United States and countries in their favor to build bigger and better bombs that will be used to kill all life on the planet.

For some strange reason, I am having problems dealing with all of this. Perhaps we should be building PRISONS to house these dangerous people who are planning to kill our Mothers, Fathers, and our Children. Frankly they scare the hell out of me.

**CAR BUMPER STICKER: IN CASE OF NUCLEAR WAR:
KISS YOUR BABIES GOODBYE:**

Teri Kirby #1356
P.4.W.



*"In lieu of capital punishment, may I suggest
at convicted murderers be incarcerated in a facility
near a nuclear-power plant?"*

**CANADIAN KAMPS
REPORT FROM THE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS**

November 17th, 1981 on a newly formulated Privy Council Document Number 1305-says that the Soliciter General Bob (lock 'em up) Kaplan can.

- 6) Establish, administer and operate civilian internment camps.
- 7) Facilitate the selective reduction and operate civilian interenment camps.
- 8) M.P. Benno Friesen from B.C. said, "The question arises, if never again, why does the cabinet make provisions for civilian interenment camps? I think it is safe to say there is a truism about politics. Government do not make provisions for powers they do not plan to use. Does the government plan to use the provisions in this act? Of course it does... The questions is who will be the candidates? Who will be in these civilian internment camps? What are you doing to protest this internment camp project before you or friends become campers?"

Only articles weighing less than one ounce (or those with enclosed self-addressed envelopes stamped) can be returned. All prisoners submitting work will be placed on the subscription list.

This publication only publishes works by incarcerated people.

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LADY

My love's a lady
With dancing eyes
And a smile
To melt your heart
A girlish figure
With joy in each step
And love that
Brings flowers to bloom
Just a word from her
Can make me fly
Soar high
Among the clouds
And make the days
A passing blur
Until I'm back
In her arms once again

LONELINESS

You and I for ever and ever,
You and I back together for ever.
You and I back together living for ever,
You and I living day by day,
Time is never the same for you and I.

THE LOGICAL EXPLOSION OF HYPOTHESIS

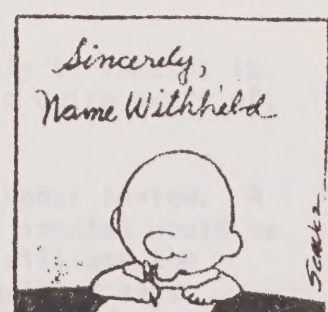
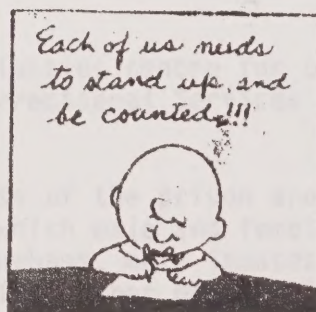
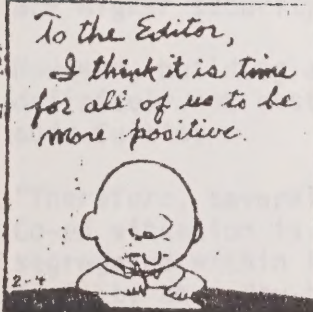
Oh lady, on the fourth night of his mission
when he found the keys
of the enemy
in your purse he had to
disregard you sensibilities.

murder after sex
isn't the natural order of the universe
but neither are the crimes
daily pushing the people toward revolution.

WE WILL CELEBRATE
WITH SUCH FIERCE DANCING THE DEATH
OF YR INSTITUTIONS

oh the smoke will rise
for many miles around
purifying the air
& no longer will our nights
be plagued by industrial fog.
purple skies.

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\$1.4 MILLION SPENT ON WOMEN'S PEN RENOVATION

Construction of a \$1.4 million activities centre for the Prison for Women continues, despite rumblings the prison may be shut down.

The role of the prison will definitely be changed, but the \$1.4 million project is not going to be a waste, Dennis Curtis, Ontario region manager of communications for Correction Services Canada.

"There is no question of doing away with the prison entirely. Somebody will be using it," says Curtis.

"There has been some talk in Ottawa that it might be discontinued as a women's prison, but there were never plans to shut it down. It will be used as some sort of prison, either for men or women or both. So, it will still need the new facilities now being built."

Correctional Services has been trying for some time to come to an agreement with the provinces under which they would accept responsibility for the female offenders now serving time in Canada's only prison for women.

However, at this point, it appears the provinces will accept only about half of the 86 prison inmates. The remaining prisoners are high-security risks and the provinces do not feel their facilities are equipped to accept those, explains Curtis.

"It has become obvious that the provinces are not going to make them all. The prison has a capacity for 123 inmates, but has only about 86 now and that number is being reduced all the time."

"My guess is that about 40 female inmates will remain in the prison, those who are higher security risks."

However, building a new \$1.4 million activities centre for only 40 inmates is definitely not cost-effective, a fact Correctional Services is quite aware of, adds Curtis.

"Therefore, several options for future use of the prison are under review. A Co-ed situation is being considered, in which male and female inmates would be segregated within the same prison. Or perhaps, male inmates will use the facility on a day-basis only, coming in from other penitentiaries," says Curtis. "Originally, there were thoughts of closing the prison entirely, if the provinces took all of the prisoners," he adds.

Don MacKenzie, assistant warden of technical services for the Prison for Women, located on Sir John A Macdonald Boulevard, confirms that, "Co-ed is one of the top considered options." "As it now stands, the prison, built in 1930-32 is conducive to a co-ed situation," he adds.

"The prison has two separate and distinct cell blocks, so segregation would be easier. There will be problems, but we can handle it."

MacKenzie also believes the prison will not be closed down. "We have some input into the decision-making as to the future use of the prison. There are many options, including co-ed and day-use only of the facilities by male inmates. I think a final decision will be forthcoming before this summer."

WHO KILLED MC DUFFIE
(a defective question)

Mackenzie adds that the prison is 'not out-dated, as a jail, but we have to provide viable facilities for promoting skills."

The prison currently has "limited facilities" for such use and no space for vocational programs.

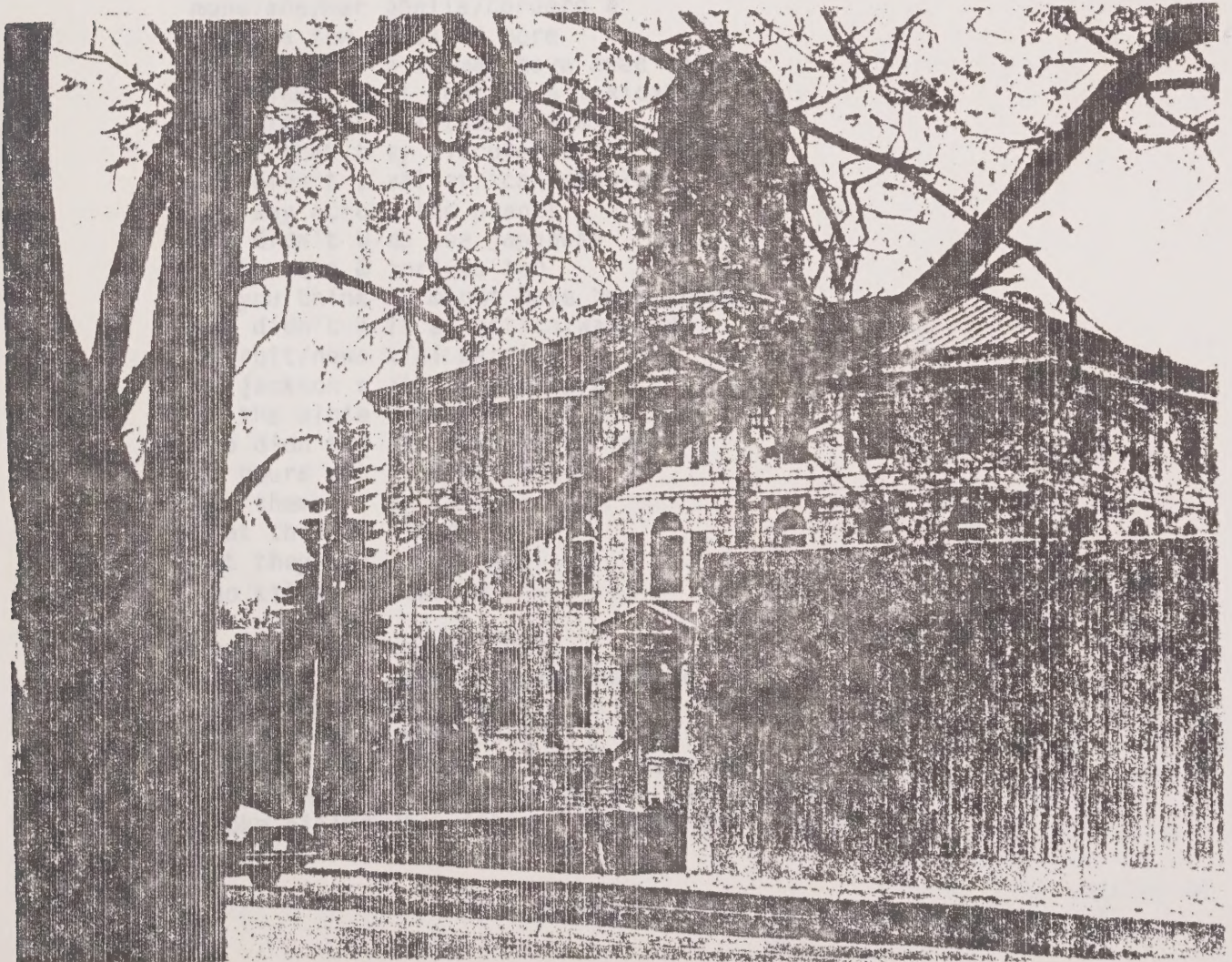
The new \$1.4 million vocational program and activities centre will fill that void.

Work on the 15,000 square-foot centre began last September and completion is expected "by about April 23," says Mackenzie.

The three storey centre, being built by M. Sullivan Construction of Kingston, will contain a multi-shop area for carpentry, welding, plumbing and other skills training on the first floor.

The second floor will feature a library, work room and arts and crafts area, while the third floor will contain a television room, laundry facilities and lunch area.

There will be no cells in the new centre. (Kingston This Week)



WHO KILLED MC DUFFIE
(a definitive question)

his brain was bashed
cranium crushed
skull fractured/broken
all the way round
but they say those who beat him
didn't kill him
so who killed mc duffie?
maybe it was the same ones
who didn't kill
clifford glaver/randy heath/jay parker
claud reese randy evans/luis baez
autorreyes bonita carter/eula love
elizabeth manum/arthur muller &
countless others
when they musta tripped or
their finger slipped
maybe it was the same ones who didn't kill
jose torres/ayd shakur/fred & carl hampton
jonathan & george/joe dell
twyman myers surgeon winters & a few thousand more
do you suppose it was those who didn't kill
lumumba/che/nikola/biko/fanon
mondlane/marghella/cordero &
quite a few thousand more
do you suppose it may have been those
who didn't kill indians & mexicans
who didn't seal the land &
claim that they discovered it
who didn't seal african peoples
halfway across the planet
who didn't bomb the japanese
vietnamese & cubans too
do you think it might have been those
who didn't kill at attica/watts/dc
detroit/newark/el barrios
at jackson state at southern 7
at the algie motel
who didn't spot mark essex for
16 hours after he was dead
ask them & they'll tell you
what they didn't do
but they can't tell you
who killed mc duffie

maybe it was one of those
seizures of inexplicable where he
beat himself to death
it shouldn't be unusual
our history is full of cases where we
attack night sticks & flashlights with our heads
choke billycabs with our throats until we die

jump in front of bullets with our backs
throw ourselves into rivers with
our hands & feet bound
and hang ourselves on trees/in prison cells
by magic

so it shouldn't be a mystery that
nobody killed mc duffie
he just died that way so many of us do
of a disease nobody makes a claim to
the police say they didn't do it
the mayor say he didn't do it
the judges say they didn't do it
the gov't says it didn't do it

nixon says he didn't do it
the fbi/cia/military establishment
says they didn't do it
xerox/exxon/itt say they didn't do it
the klan & nazis say they didn't do it
(say they was busy in greensboro &
wrightsville)
i know i didn't do it
that don't leave nobody but you
& if you say you didn't do it
we're back where we started
looking for nobody
who killed mc duffie

you remember nobody don't you
like defacto segregation
where they said the schools were
segregated
but nobody did it on purpose
like when they said there's been job
discrimination
for years
but nobody did it intentionally
that's the nobody we're looking for
the ones with the motive to kill
mc duffie
& you see, we must find this nobody
who slew mc duffie
because the next person nobody will
beat, stamp, hang, or shoot to death
won't be mc duffie
it'll be you or someone close to you
so for your own safety you should
know the pedigree of
who killed mc duffie
you should know the reason of
who killed mc duffie
you should remember all those forgotten
who died of the disease nobody makes
claim to
so we won't be here asking
who killed you

By HAKIM AL-JAMIL, LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY

NOTE: ARTHUR MC DUFFIE
was a Black Salesman who
was murdered by white Maimi
police during a routine
traffic stop in 1980. The
aquital of the police led
to rebellion in the
Liberty City section of
Maimi in May 1980.

WOMEN APPALLED AT PRISON DECISION

KINGSTON - local women's groups are bemused and concerned about Ottawa's latest flip-flop on the status of Canada's only federal prison for women.

"We'll just wait for the next solicitor-general and see what he's going to do. It's been "yes, no, yes, no," for the past 50 years". said Beth Stacy, executive director of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Kingston.

Stacey said she was appalled at Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan's announcement Friday that he's reversing his commitment to close the Prison for Women in Kingston.

He said year-long negotiations to transfer the women to provincial institutions have been less than productive.

"This is not a fit place for bears. It's incredible there's no solution for 100 women in Kingston for 50 years, when it takes considerably less time to put one man on the moon", she said, yesterday.

Stacey said Ottawa, while looking for the perfect solution, does nothing.

NATIVE PRISONERS "If they don't want to farm the women out to the provinces, they can take the second option presented by the 1978 Committee on Female Offenders and upgrade the Prison for Women", she said.

"We don't care which. We just want humane conditions".

The co-ordinator of Kingston's Native Liaison Program, Donna Rogers, is concerned that inmates of the prison, one-third of whom are native Indians, will continue to be incarcerated far from home.

"It is so difficult to set up temporary passes -- the girls don't even want to bother because there is nowhere for them to go", she said.

"And when they are released, it's a shock to re-establish family ties -- like meeting strangers. Many of these women come from poor families with no means to keep in touch".

Rogers' group is a branch of the Ontario Metis and Non-Status Indian Association, based in Toronto and funded by the Ministry of Correctional Services. Its mandate is to help native offenders plan parole and release programs.

While a Queen's University group, Women and the Law, takes no official position on the prison, president Dianna Ginn says she views Kaplan's announcement with mixed feeling.

"The transfer agreements may not be that beneficial. I am not sure there are better programs for women in the provincial jails, which are geared for inmates serving two year terms", Ginn said.

A spokesman for an Ottawa group which has lobbied for changes to the prison, said she's not surprised by Kaplan's announcement.

"That's what he's been saying quietly all along" said Christie Jefferson of Women for Justice.

Toronto Star Special

**STRONGER THAN YOU
Dedicated to Andy Bruce**

human rights
you say!
the dignity of man!
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and perfect love
be what you will.

By Freddie Jo Morry
Archambault Max Prison
Quebec

Taken from:
Black Dragon Publications

BLACK WOMEN FACE JAIL FOR VOTING-RIGHTS ACTIVITY

Two Alabama women may go to prison in January because of their work to help Black citizens register and vote in rural Pickens County.

They are Julia Wilder, 69, president of the Pickens County Voters League and an officer of the local Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Maggie Bozeman, 51, president of the local NAACP.

Ms. Wilder and Ms. Bozeman, who live in Aliceville, Ala., were arrested in November, 1978. The technical charge against them is "vote fraud". What they were actually doing was helping elderly voters understand the ballot and vote.

AN ALL-WHITE JURY CONVICTS They were convicted by an all-white jury in 1979. Ms. Wilder was sentenced to five years, and Ms. Bozeman to four years. Ms. Bozeman was also fired from the teaching job she had held 27 years.

The convictions were appealed to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, which upheld them, and to the Alabama Supreme Court, which refused to review. In November of 1981, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the cases. Their lawyer, Solomon Seay of Montgomery, moved for suspension of sentences, and a hearing was set for December 1.

FRIENDS FILL THE COURTROOM When the day for the hearing came, the courtroom in Carrollton, Ala., the Pickens County seat was packed with supporters of the women. Circuit Judge Clatus Junkin postponed the hearing until January 11. However, local observers doubt that he is planning to suspend the sentences.

Pickens County, which is southwest of Birmingham near the Mississippi line, of 40% Black. It has no Black elected officials except mayors of tiny all-black towns. Ms. Wilder and Ms. Bozeman have long been active against injustice.

MY WAKING-UP PERIOD "1968 was my waking-up period", Ms. Wilder has said. "We were trying to get Black cashiers hired at Piggly-Wiggly. We had a march, and 13 of us went to jail. I was the oldest".

Ms. Bozeman describes what was happening in 1978. "We had a big registration drive, and Black candidates running for office. The politicians were especially afraid of the young woman we ran for School Board against a white banker. As it turned out, she only lost of 106 votes, too".

As part of the campaign, Voters League members went to the homes of house-bound elderly citizens, took absentee ballots, and if necessary helped those who could not read or write fill them out - all perfectly legal, according to Attorney Seay, if the voters wishes were followed.

ARRESTED ON ELECTION EVE Ms. Wilder and Ms. Bozeman were charged with "fraud" in connection with 39 of those ballots. The offenses were alleged to have occurred in the primary run-off. Officials waited until the day before the general election to make the arrests.

"They picked me up at school - just as I was coming in from the play-ground with my kids", says Ms. Bozeman. "There were five police cars...."

At the trials, the state subpoenaed many of the elderly voters. According to Attorney Seay, all but one of them testified on cross-examination that they knew exactly what they were doing and that the ballots were marked as they wished.

ELDERLY VOTERS WITHSTAND PRESSURE "One woman testified that she didn't know what the voting was all about", Seay reported. "The State Court of Appeals said the evidence was "confusing" but the testimony of that one woman was sufficient for the jury to convict".

Courtroom pressure on the elderly voters was intense. One of them, Lou Sommerville, 95, recently described it: "The lawyer said to me, didn't Ms. Bozeman come to my house and try to make me let her fix up my ballot. It wasn't true. So I told him I'm the Lord's child, and the Lord doesn't want a lie. I said I have to tell the truth. No matter how many times they ask me, I'll keep telling the truth".

A PATTERN OF HARASSMENT The charges against Ms. Wilder and Ms. Bozeman are not an isolated incident. Just last year, a young Black man in Pickens County, Willie Davis, was charged with disorderly conduct for explaining the ballot to voters.

When Ms. Bozeman picked up absentee ballots that year, she said the sheriff said to her, "You're getting some more of them. Maggie Bozeman will get them to vote if she has to vote them herself. We're going to get you this time".

ADDING INSULT TO INJURY At the time of the women's December hearing, local district attorney, P.M. Johnston told the news media in Birmingham: "They could have been arrested on other charges since their conviction. Their efforts at the polls have continued. They aren't satisfied with voting themselves. They have been bringing people into the polling places, watching them vote, insisting that they be allowed to assist people".

Immediately after December 1, local officials added insult to injury. They sent Ms. Wilder and Ms. Bozeman letters telling them their own names had been removed from the voting rolls because the conviction was upheld.

BUT THEY WON'T GIVE UP But the two women aren't giving up. "No matter how rough it gets, I'm going to be here", Ms. Wilder said recently. Ms. Bozeman, in addition to continuing voter registration and education work, constantly appears before local governing bodies - City Council, County Commission, Board of Education - to protest various forms of discrimination.

Among those who came to Pickens County to support the women at the time of December 1 hearing were Black elected officials from 10 surrounding counties, Alabama Democratic Conference Chairman Joe Reed, NAACP southeastern director Earl T. Shinhoster, SCLC leaders President Joseph Lowery, Rev. John Nettles, Rev. R.B. Cottenreader; representatives of the Federation of Southern Co-ops, Alabama Hunger Colition, the Equal Rights Congress, the Southern Organizing Committee and other groups.

SCLC CALLS FOR NEW REGISTRATION DRIVE There is a legend that the face of a Black man lynched in Pickens County after the Civil War can be seen in the window of the courthouse in Carrollton. After the Dec. 1 court session, Dr. Lowery told those who had gathered: "These two women were politically lynched. We came here to be on their side. We are going to launch the biggest voter registration drive ever seen in Pickens County".

HOW YOU CAN HELP STOP THIS INJUSTICE You can express your opinions of this situation by writing Judge Clatus Junkin, Pickens County Courthouse, Carrollton, Al. 35447.

You can help financially too. Victims in cases like this are too often crushed economically even if they escape jail. Ms. Wilder's financial situation has not changed greatly since the arrests, because she is an elderly widow living on a small pension. But Ms. Bozeman has had no regular income since she was fired from her teaching job of 27 years. The National Education Association helped for a while, but that has run out. You can help her survive while she fights by sending her a contribution at Box T, Aliceville, Al. 35442.

And this case points up dramatically the need to get the Voting Rights Act renewal through the U.S. Senate, unamended. If Deep South officials are harassing voting-rights workers with the Act in effect, one can imagine the consequences if it is not renewed or is weakened. Contact your senators and build support for the Act in your community.

This article first appeared in Southern Fightback, newsletter of the Southern Organizing Committee for Economic & Social Justice (SOC). You can write to them at P.O. Box 811, Birmingham, Al. 35201.



THIS LIFE IS YOURS

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Take the power to choose what you want to do, and do it well.

Take the power to know what you want to life, and have it "happily"

And I do.

Take the power to live in the forest and have it all around you.

Take the power to live in the city and have it all around you.

Take the power to live in the country and have it all around you.

Take the power to live in the mountains and have it all around you.

Take the power to live in the hills and have it all around you.

Take the power to live in the valleys and have it all around you.

Take the power to live in the fields and have it all around you.

Take the power to live in the woods and have it all around you.

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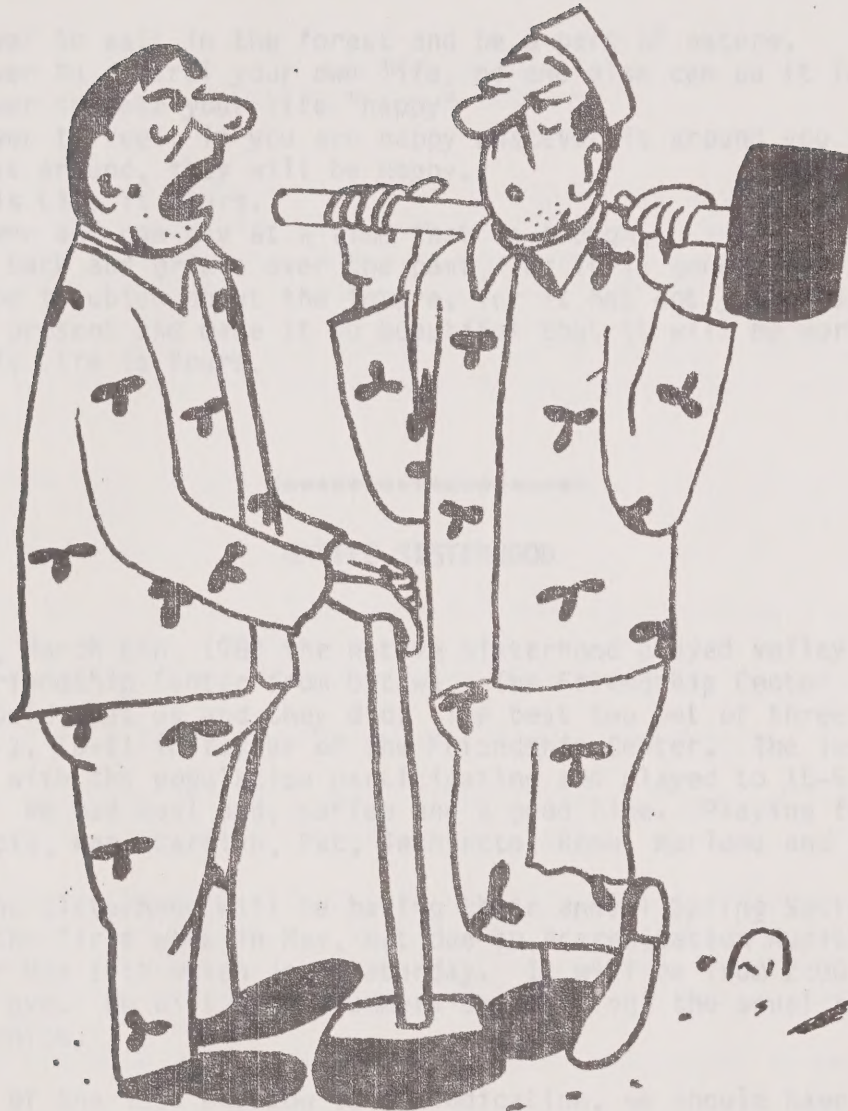
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"But my homesickness is worse than most ---

Mum owns a pub."

THIS LIFE IS YOURS

This Life is Yours

Take the power to choose what you want to do, and do it well.

Take the power to have what you want in life, and have it "honestly"

"And I do".

Take the power to walk in the forest and be a part of nature.

Take the power to control your own life, no one else can do it for you.

Take the power to make your life "happy"

Take the power to feel, if you are happy whatever is around you

or whoever is around, they will be happy.

Remember This Life is Yours.

Take the power and one day at a time that is enough,

Do not Look back and grieve over the past, for it is gone.

And do not be troubled about the future, for it has not yet come.

Live in the present and make it so beautiful that it will be worth remembering.

Remember This Life is Yours.

Ms. W.W.W.

NATIVE SISTERHOOD

On Saturday, March 6th, 1982 the Native Sisterhood played volley ball against the Odawa Friendship Center from Ottawa. The Friendship Center came in with the idea they would beat us and they did. The best two out of three ended in scores of 15-9, 15-1, 15-11 in favour of the Friendship Center. The last two games were played with the population participating and played to 15-5 Odawa and 15-5 Sisterhood. We had cool aid, coffee and a good time. Playing for Sisterhood were: Francis, Kas, Carolyn, Pat, Jeannette, Rose, Marlene and Irma.

As usual, the Sisterhood will be having their annual Spring Social this May. It is usually the first week in May, but due to Accreditation Audits, it has been approved for May 15th which is a Saturday. It will be from 2:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. in the gym. We will have drummers and dancing, the usual buffet with corn soup and bannick.

The success of the last Pow-Wow is an indication, we should have a great social. Please come out and help us make it a success and take part in Native Culture.

Along with this article, I would like to share an Indian legend. It was written by a grade 4 student in British Columbia. The canoe drawings are canoes used for transportation along the B.C. coast.

A SIMPLIFIED PAROLE APPLICATION

AN INDIAN LEGEND Olden Days About Indians

In the old days Indians lived on fish such as dog-salmon and whales, whenever the men got one. They also ate sea lions, fur seals and ducks, such as geese and mallards. They also ate sea-food like sea-urchin, chinese shoes and mussels. They dried clams and sea-lions meat and fish for the winter.

They used to put up feasts for the people in the Big House. While the women were preparing the meal the men would sing Indian songs. They were fed deer meat, ducks and clams.

When making a fire they rubbed two dry sticks together until there were sparks.. They had the fire right in the middle of the house in the open and the house used to fill with smoke.

They made knives out of stone. They made harpoons for catching fish. Many Indians made fancy canoes, totem polls and masks. The women picked wild berries, such as blueberries, salmon berries, and many other kinds.

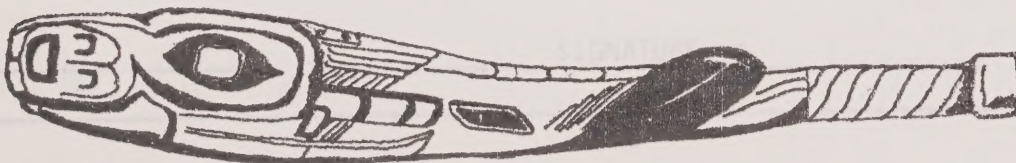
They had mostly wooden things, wooden spoons and wooden dishes.

On one occasion when the men were whale fishing they got one and it pulled them far out to sea until they found themselves in China.

This is an Indian Legend that was written down by a grade 4 student from the Ucluelet Band in British Columbia. Legends are passed from generation to generation and they are usually told with little change. There are very many legends and each legend explains a tradition and the history of Native people.

This legend was probably told to her by her mother and father or maybe even her grandmother.

By Marion Peter
Tales From The Long House
Told By Indian Children of British Columbia



CARVED CLUB FOR KILLING FISH.

A SIMPLIFIED PAROLE APPLICATION

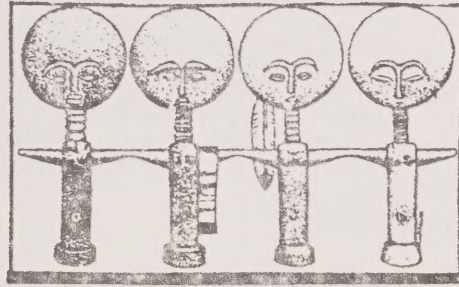
The National Parole Service might be able to save themselves some time and trouble by making a few changes in the parole application forms. The proposed changes would have them from headaches, eyestrain, magnifying glasses, and mistakes. No more reading between the lines! The prisoner too would benefit. No more worrying about what to say and how to say it. No longer would he have to stay up nights fantasizing only to come up with the same stereotypical answers that every other inmate comes up with. So, why not save everyone from stress? Print the forms with the same questions but provide the answers as well! If N.P.S. did this their new forms just might look like this:

APPLICATION FOR PAROLE	
Name: _____ Number: _____ Institution: _____	
<u>TO ANSWER SIMPLY CHECK OFF YOUR CHOICE</u>	
Give reasons for making this application: a) I have worked hard and I play cards with the L.U.'s. b) I have seen the light. c) I wish to get back into society. d) I have been rehabilitated. e) I have a gaff. f) I want out. g) why not?	What is your trade or occupation? State briefly your experience, and give names of previous employers: a) I am a "blue collar" worker (list employer). b) I am a "white collar" worker (list employer). c) I am a bum. d) I am a criminal. (See my police record)
Give your plans for the future, stating where and within whom you will live (give name and address) and how you will care for your dependents, if any: a) I am going to work. b) I am going to school. c) I am going to pull a score. d) I am going to sell dope. () parents () wife () girlfriend () myself () I am going to put my 'old lady' on the street and live off her.	Give names and addresses of anyone willing and able to employ you: a) Anybody who needs me. b) My mother. c) Anybody who wants to buy dope. d) Myself. e) The Mafia.
Give names and addresses of any relatives, friends or organizations willing and able to assist you following your release: a) Mother (give address). b) The "Man" (incognito). c) John Howard Society (give address). d) Anyone who's got money. e) Smith and Wesson and any bank. f) Anyone who has quantity dope.	
DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____	

WAR ON INDIANS

Native people are being arrested and imprisoned at an alarming rate in North America. The arrest rate for American Indians is three times that of Blacks and 10 times that of whites.*

Statistics published by the Ministry of the Solicitor General of Canada (would they lie?) Show the native prison population of Canada to be 9%, while they comprise only 3-3.5% of Canada's total population. Shocking? Dig this; same source - the Province of Saskatchewan: Percentage of natives in Provincial Institutions 58% (1971; do you think it has diminished?) Total % of the provincial population - 48%!! In addition in Canada, a native male is 4 times less likely to receive parole than a non-native male is. (Correctional Institution Statistics '79). Imprisonment, the rape and pillage of their lands, and countless broken treaties are a consistent war the governments are carrying out in their genocide against the Original peoples of this continent.



Native people who stand up, line political dissidents in totalitarian regimes, are being killed, drugged and incarcerated in institutions in an effort to silence them. It is our job to make sure this never happens.

-E. B. Wanhina

*C. E. Reasons, Race, Crime and Justice, Goodyear Publishing Co.

(above was taken from Anarchist Black Dragon)

PELTIER TEAM MAKING PROGRESS

Writ to be filed in Peltier Case

Within a short time the defence team for Leonard Peltier will present a '2255 writ of Habeas Corpus' to the U.S. Federal Court in Fargo, North Dakota asking for a new trial. This is the latest effort in a long struggle for Peltier's freedom. He was convicted in Fargo in April '77 for "aiding and abetting" in the deaths of two F.B.I. agents during the Pine Ridge struggle two years previously. Leonard was given two Life sentences and is being held in the notorious Marion Penitentiary in Illinois.

STANDING DEER HELD HOSTAGE BY PRISON DOCS

Immediately after Bobby Gene Garcia's murder, Standing Deer was transferred to the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri.

There he was operated on for a hernia. He had asked to be operated on in the Evangelical Hospital in Pennsylvania, just outside of his prison in Lewisburg. Against his wishes, he was sent to Springfield. After the operation, something seemed to go wrong with his memory. He wrote to a friend that only on the third day after the operation he began to be able to recollect things, partly through reading letters. Memories from a further removed past are still incomplete. Every time he reads about the past, fragments come back to him.



His friends, who are well aware of the fact that strange things may happen to prisoners in hospitals, are worried about this and so are we!

Standing Deer deserves our full sympathy and solidarity.

His address: Robert Wilson a.k.a. Standing Deer 01499-164, PO Box 4000, 1-3 Strong, Springfield, MO. 65802 USA.

You can write about him and ask information to: George A. Ralston Jr. Director Medical Center for Federal Prisons, PO Box 40 Springfield, MO. 65802. and Norman Carlson, Director Fed. Bureau of Prisons, 320 First St. N.W., Washington D.C. 20534

- From HAPOTOC, PO Box 10638, 1001 EP Amsterdam, the NETHERLANDS

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Still Licence for the Year 1840

PROVINCE OF } SIR GEORGE ARTHUR, K. C. H. Lieutenant Governor of the Province
UPPER CANADA. } of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY CONCERN:

This Licence is granted to

of the Town of
County of

in the District,
to have and to use **ONE STILL**, for the purpose of Distilling Spirituous Liquors,
containing Gallons, and no more.

This Licence to be in force until the fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred
and forty and no longer.

GIVEN under my Hand, at Toronto, in the County of York, this
day of in the

one thousand eight hundred
year of Her Majesty's reign.

and
By His Excellency's Command.

W. M. M. M. M.
INSPECTOR GENERAL.

RECEIVED from the said
the sum of

Lawful Money of
this Province, being the full Duty of Two Shillings and Six Pence per Gallon, directed to
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according to the admeasurement thereof.

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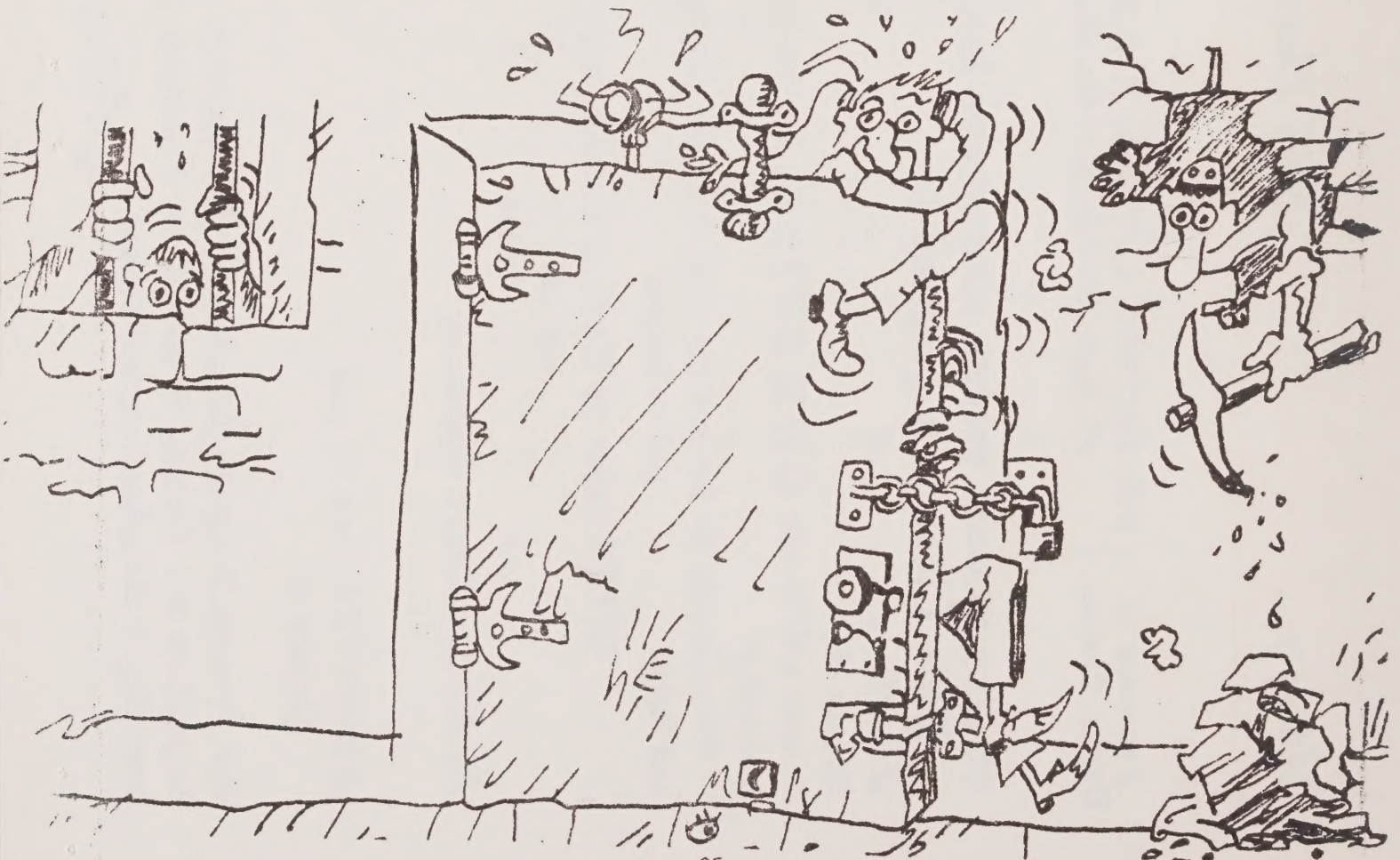
A WORD FROM A NON CONFORMIST

A battle with the other side
Is like a tug of war,
They throw you in here
And yell "conform"
And then they lock the door.

They strutt around so cocky and sure
Because they hold the keys:
It makes me sick that they expect
"No thank you, Mame" And "Please"

They try with their might to take your pride
You're freedom for awhile,
But there is one thing
That they will never get:
They will never take my smile.

So; Coppers try and play your games
And all the rest of it,
Cuz; you will never change me
I just won't conform
You must be full of shit.....



BOYHOOD REVERIE

I see the blue Barbados skies
Alive with sunlit silver streaks of cloud,
Which flit across that empty blue
On beckonings of the giddy breeze.

And not so distant in those skies
I see the gaily fluttering wings
Of doves and blackbirds to and fro,
On errands filled with mystery.

The breeze descends to earth and plays
Its arias on the swaying palms,
Or fingers chattering shack shack trees,
Or prances on a rippling stream.

It sweeps the valleys thick with flowers
Until they yield their sweet perfume,
Which summons swarms of buzzing bees
To sip the Nectar hiding there.

On yonder pasture cattle graze
And sheep go romping to and fro.
The horses neigh a donkey brays,
While chirping sparrows come and go.

The sun sinks in the western sky;
Its golden glow arrests my eye -
Then right behind a sea of blue
It sinks and sets and bids Adieu!

Then comes the birth of starry night;
The moon in all her glory bright -
Queen of the myriad silver stars
Inspires sweet strains from soft guitars.

Her hand is soft, her eyes are bright,
Her voice is music in the night.
Her lips are warm, my heart stands still -
As we both share Love's tender thrill.

Hush marks the zenith of the night;
Slow wanes the moon's enchanting light,
Until Aurora's flaming wand
Wakes all and sundry in the land.

Owen Rowe.

SPRING SENTIMENT

No more -- those winter saddened skies;
I look, at last, with gladdened eyes
Into the sunlit blue beyond,
Bedappled with those silver clouds
Whose patterns change with every breeze
That stirs in that bright blue beyond.

No more -- white rivers cramped with frost;
But foaming waters, gaily tossed
By Spring awakened riverboats,
And furrowed by the whiffs of breeze
Which whistle playful airs
The riggings of the riverboats.

No more -- trees nude and solitaire;
Bepetalled coats of green they wear,
Enhanced by blossoms, all aflower,
Whose wafted nectar bids the bees
Come sip and sing their symphony
With birds accoing in their bowers.

No more -- the cold and cheerless nights;
The fog that hid the moon and stars,
The air, bereft of sweet perfumes,
The heart, alone, without its mate --
It's Spring! The world now lives again;
The heart now echoes Love's refrain.

By Owen Rowe

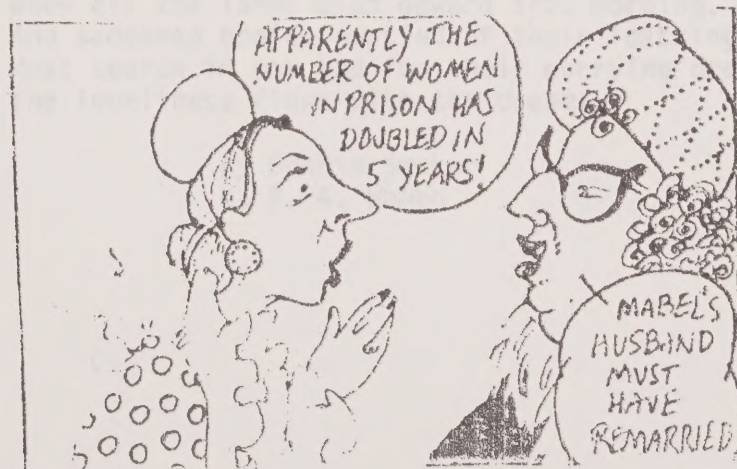


VISIT

In April of 1980, the Penitentiary in New Westminster, British Columbia held an open house tour for the public. The newspapers stated that 6,000 people passed through the gates. Six thousand people on the first day. Where were those 6,000 people on "Prison Justice day last August 10th and years before?"

...If just one out of every hundred of those persons who made the tour were to take the time to write or to make an odd visit (even once a month) and show a bit of decency towards just one prisoner, then perhaps prisons per se wouldn't become objects of amazement and fascination to be seen as museums or unfortunately, but realistically, as zoos.

Written by Rod Camphaug, Archambault Prison
taken from Bulldozer magazine.
Tightwire staff borrowed it from "Black Dragons
Publication".



My prayer is: I will be what I will be
and I will do what I will do.
All I want to do, need to do, is stay
in rhythm with myself. All I want is to
do what I do and not try to do what I
don't do. Just do what I do. Just keep
pace with myself. Just be what I will
be.

I will be what I will be - but I am
now what I am and here is where I will
spend my energy. I need all my energy
to be what I am today. Today I will
work in rhythm with myself and not
with what I "should be". And to work
in rhythm with myself I must keep in
tuned in to myself.

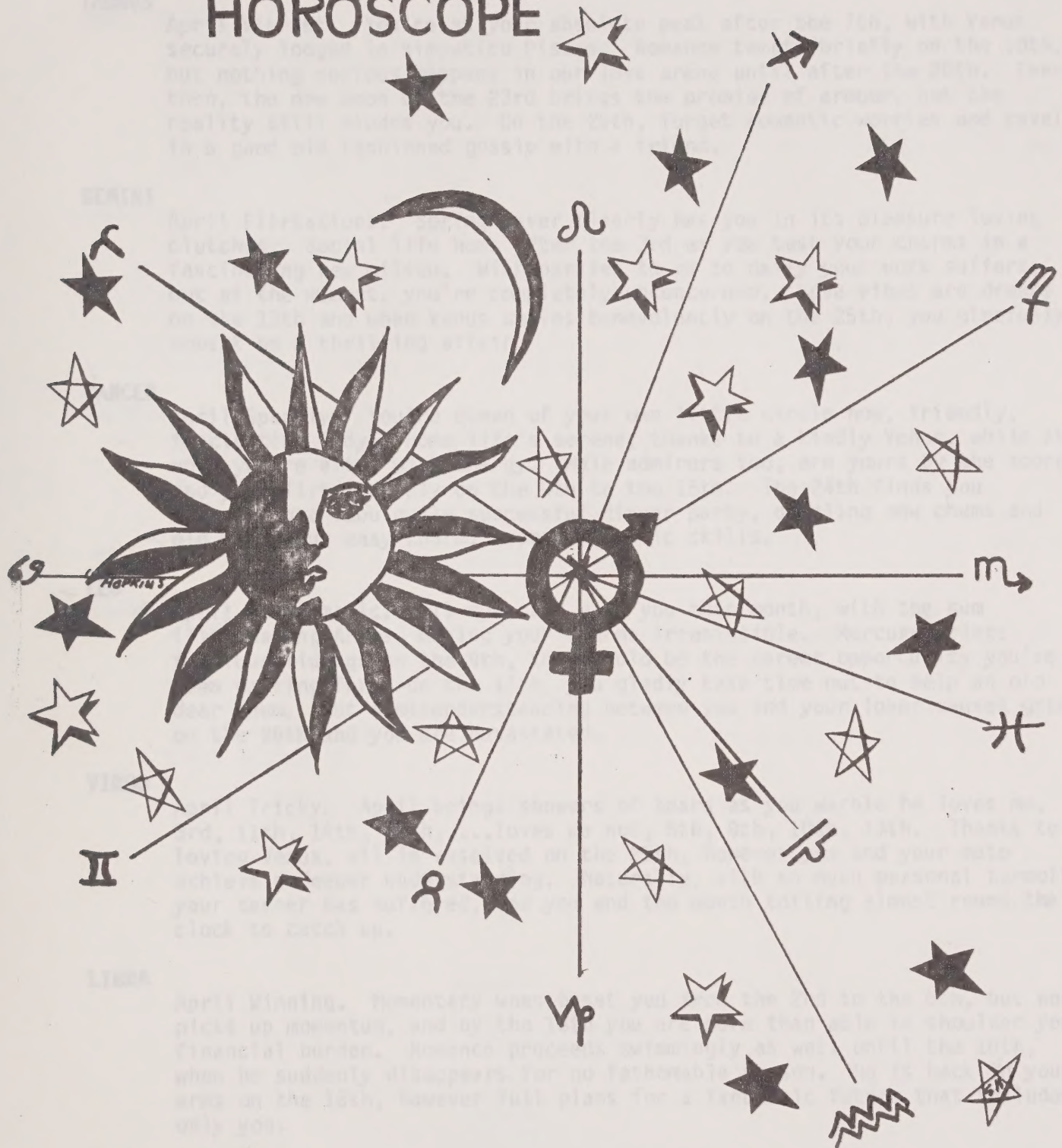
God revealed his name to Moses, and
it was: I am what I am.

From the book "Notes to Myself"
By Hugh Prather.

Loneliness is like rain
Towards dusk it leaves the sea where it has lain.
It mounts to the skies unrelated by all they gain.
From far off plains unvisited retreats.
Soon from the sky it drops on city streets.
It rains down here in those ambiguous hours.
When all the lanes wind onward into morning.
And saddened bodies emptied of their loathing.
Must search in one bed for their worrying dreams.
The loneliness flows with the dreams.

By Bonnie Smoker
K. P. 4. Women

★ YOUR HOROSCOPE



SCORPIO

April 21st - May 21st. Spring fever raises your erotic temperature on the 2nd and 3rd, when Venus abets a new and steady affair. You become passionate slaves, helplessly captivated by your mate's embraces. But Venus is threaten on the 10th, when you suspect he hasn't been totally honest with you. In Scorpio, love is all or nothing, and you and the Watson with typical fire and by the 24th are absorbed in work.

TAURUS

April Vibrant. You're at your absolute peak after the 7th, with Venus securely lodged in simpatico Pisces. Romance tempts briefly on the 10th, but nothing serious happens in our love arena until after the 20th. Even then, the new moon on the 23rd brings the promise of armour, but the reality still eludes you. On the 25th, forget romantic worries and revel in a good old fashioned gossip with a friend.

GEMINI

April Flirtations. Spring fever clearly has you in its pleasure loving clutches. Social life hums after the 3rd as you test your charms in a fascinating new milieu. With parties to go to daily your work suffers, but at the moment, you're completely unconcerned. Love vibes are dreamy on the 13th and when Venus smiles benevolently on the 25th, you gleefully embark on a thrilling affair.

CANCER

April Sparkly. You're queen of your own little circle now, friendly, fascinating lady. Home life's serene, thanks to a kindly Venus, while at work you're alive with energy. Male admirers too, are yours by the score, and you flirt wantonly on the 9th to the 15th. The 24th finds you hostessing a fabulously successful dinner party, dazzling new chums and old with your easy charm, superb domestic skills.

LEO

April Charismatic. All eyes are upon you this month, with the sun illuminating Aries, making your charms irresistible. Mercury brings fabulous tidings on the 9th, this could be the career opportunity you've been waiting for. On the 17th, you gladly take time out to help an old dear chum...but a misunderstanding between you and your lover causes grief on the 26th and you are devastated.

VIRGO

April Tricky. April brings showers of tears as you warble he loves me, 3rd, 11th, 14th, 17th,...loves me not, 5th, 8th, 10th, 13th. Thanks to loving Venus, all is resolved on the 25th, however you and your mate achieve a deeper understanding. Naturally, with so much personal turmoil your career has suffered, and you end the month toiling almost round the clock to catch up.

LIBRA

April Winning. Momentary woes beset you from the 2nd to the 6th, but work picks up momentum, and by the 13th you are more than able to shoulder your financial burden. Romance proceeds swimmingly as well until the 10th, when he suddenly disappears for no fathomable reason. He is back in your arms on the 18th, however full plans for a fantastic future that includes only you.

SCORPIO

April Sultry. Spring fever raises your erotic temperature on the 2nd and 3rd, when Venus abets a new and steamy affair. You become passions slave, helplessly captivated by your mates embraces....but temptests threaten on the 10th, when you suspect he hasn't been totally honest with you. To Scorpio, love is all or nothing, and you end the liaison with typical fire and by the 24th are absorbed in work.

SAGITTARIUS

April Adorable. Family members provide nurturance on the 3rd, offer solace when a lover disappoints you on the 5th. Still, no matter how wobbly your personal life at present, that clever mind is simply churning with ideas. On the 13th you dazzle higher-ups with brilliant thinking, which brings about a solid advance in your career. After the 18th, Mars is in the mood for love and so are you.

CAPRICORN

April Sensitive. Just as it seems you have finally got your act together a satisfying job, comfy nest to come home to, kind, adoring mate...suddenly (on the 10th) life seemingly starts to unravel. Mercury kicks up frantic fuss; Venus and Uranus are virtually at war. Don't give way to depression though sensitive, the crisis is not as serious as it seems and may bring positive change.

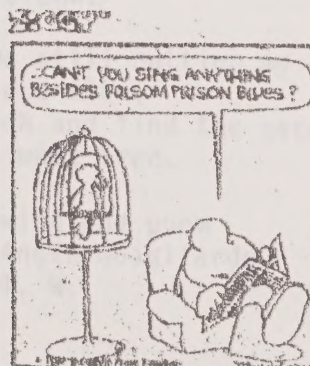
AQUARIUS

April Inventive. Your original ideas are very much in demand, as Venus inspires creativity on the 3rd, while Mercury ensures that others listen on the 14th. True, its disappointing when a long awaited vacation falls through on the 10th, but you would do best to keep a close watch on your career at present. The 18th finds you at an important cross-road, and you choose to risk all in a major bid for success.

PISCES

April Fey. Springtime heralds exotic yearnings, dreams of romance. Love goddess Venus reigns supreme over Pisces after the 6th, endowing you with other worldly imagination and creative powers. An early accurate prediction comes true on the 10th, bringing you rich amorous prizes on the 13th. Romance is yours on the 14th, when a new innamorato claims your total attention.

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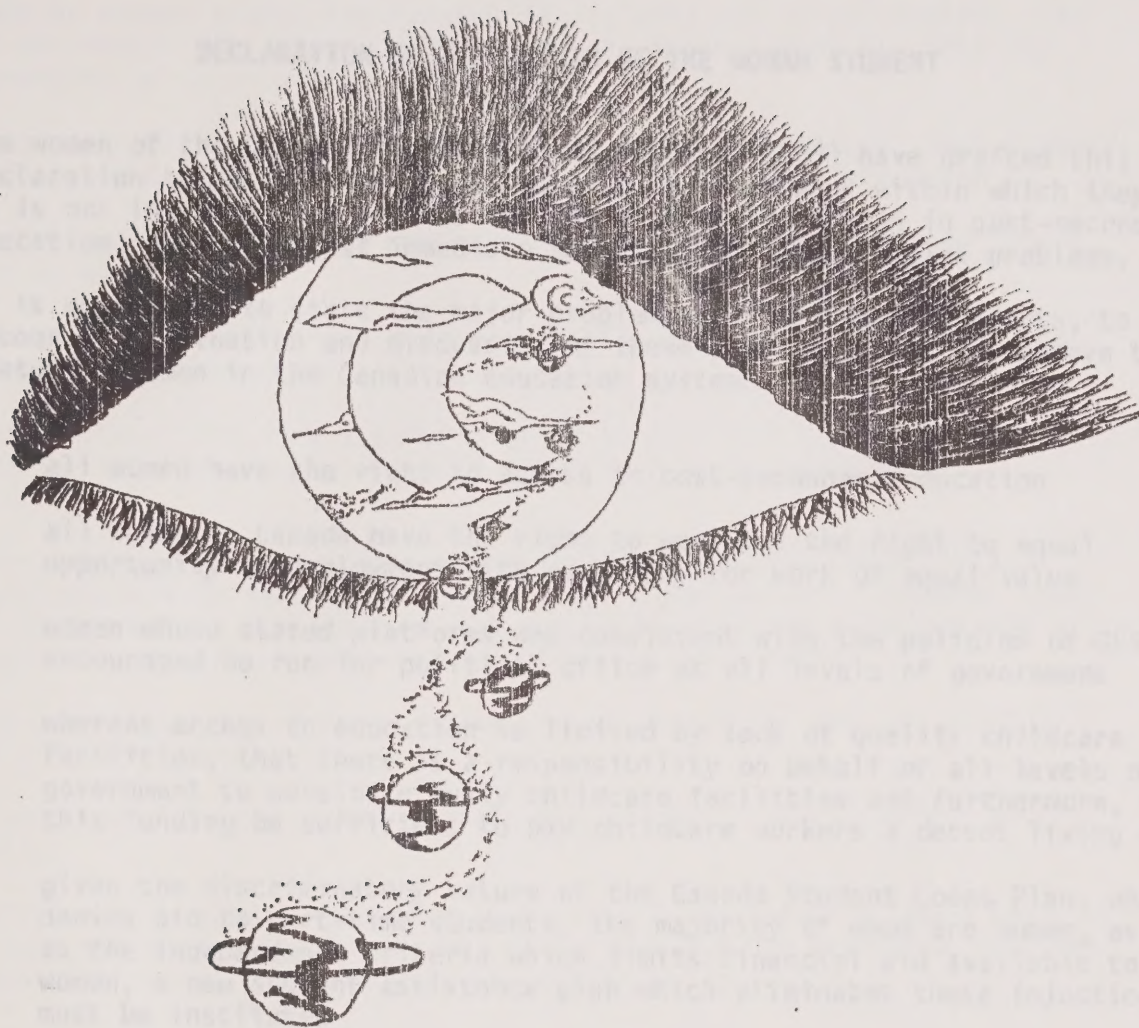
RUNNING

Running away and running wild
 Pretending to be free
 Running amidst the anger and hurt,
 Hate and hostility.

Feeling escape through steel blades
 An enrage with a shank
 Escaping the feelings through booze and drugs
 Spacing out and blank.

Fenced in now and still butting my head
 Fighting to run and flee,
 I've got to search and find the gate
 And someday I'll walk free.

Drawing and poem
 By Angie Guagliardo
 P. 4. W.



Every human being has a universe inside of
them, even if they do not see it!

Chaque humain contient un univers même si ils
ne le voie pas.

April/82 Prison for Women.

Armand Lapierre.

Alas
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DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE WOMAN STUDENT

The women of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) have drafted this declaration to put forward the philosophical frame work within which they work. It is not intended to summarize the issues that face women in post-secondary education, nor to suggest immediate solutions to these complex problems.

It is an attempt to state the major problem area for women students; to encourage examination and discussion of these problems, and; to improve the status of women in the Canadian education system.

- ° all women have the right to access to post-secondary education
- ° all women in Canada have the right to work and the right to equal opportunity to employment with equal pay for work of equal value
- ° women whose stated platforms are consistent with the policies of CFS be encouraged to run for political office at all levels of government
- ° whereas access to education is limited by lack of quality childcare facilities, that there is a responsibility on behalf of all levels of government to subsidize fully childcare facilities and furthermore, that this funding be sufficient to pay childcare workers a decent living wage
- ° given the discriminatory nature of the Canada Student Loans Plan, which denies aid to part-time students, the majority of whom are women, as well as the independence criteria which limits financial aid available to women, a new student assistance plan which eliminates these injustices must be instituted
- ° there is a need for redirection, retraining and re-entry of women into post-secondary education through provision of concrete programs which aid women in overcoming the barriers of uninterrupted studies and inadequate backgrounds
- ° academic counselling should inform women of all educational and employment opportunities available in order to actively combat streaming of women into traditional fields only
- ° it is the right of women to organize as women and women's organization's with in the student movement are necessary to actively raise the issues faced by women students; to provide a place for women to develop organizing and political skill; to provide a forum where women can develop a sense of unity and co-operation
- ° women's organizations must facilitate involvement in women,s issues
- ° it is each council's responsibility to promote and finance the above organizations

- ° those materials that discriminate against women in a derogatory manner should be viewed within their specific historic and social context, and that non-sexist literature be incorporated wherever possible into any programming or service offered on campus
- ° campus programming, including advertising and entertainment, that promotes violence and other forms of sexism toward women must be boycotted
- ° women's studies courses are necessary as they serve to raise the issues faced by women
- ° post-secondary institutions must provide these programs and demand that the government fund them
- ° a fundamental right of all persons is to control their bodies and their sexuality as they choose, and this right must be recognized and guaranteed
- ° whereas verbal or physical harassment invades a woman's sexuality and effectively denies her opportunity of choice and academic freedom, that this harassment be combatted at all levels through the establishment of recognized grievance procedures and other possible means
- ° every person has the right of access to birth control and the right of choice in the method
- ° all women must be guaranteed the freedom of choice in the matter of abortion
- ° health services used by students must fulfill the needs of women students and must respect a woman's control of her own body by providing services to deal with rape, birth control and abortion
- ° present birth control methods are inadequate and unsafe, more emphasis should be put on research and development of better methods of birth control and family planning
- ° freedom of choice in sexual orientation is a fundamental human right and that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is an abrogation of this right
- ° we believe that women, as full and equal participants in Canadian society, be accorded freedom in their choice of lifestyle, employment and education

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THE ITALIAN WHO WENT TO WINNIPEG

One day Ima go to Winnipeg to a bigga hotel. I go down to eat soma breakfast. I tella the waitress I wanna two piss's toast. She bringa me only onea piss. I tella her I wanna two piss. She say go to the toilet. I say you no understand. I wanna two piss on my plate. She say you better no piss on the plate you sonna ma bitch. I don't even know the lady and she call me sonna ma bitch.

Later, I go to eat soma lunch at Drake Restaurant. The waitress bringa me a spoon ana knife, but no fock. I tella her I wanna fock. She tellsa me everybody wanna fock. I tella her, you no understand, I wanna fock on the table. She say you better not fock on the table, you sonna ma bitch. I don't even know the lady and she call me a sonna ma bitch.

So I go back to my room inna hotel, an there's no sheet on my bed. I calla the manager ana tella him I wanna sheet. He tells me to go to the toilet, so I say you no understand, I wanna sheet on the bed. He say, you better not sheet on the bed, you sonna ma bitch. I don't even know the man and he call me sonna ma bitch.

I go to check out and the man at the desk, he say peace to you. I say piss sonna you too. you sonna ma bitch.

I go back to Italy!!!!



"Your wife is here for your weekly conjugal visit!"

ANGELS BASKETBALL

To begin with, I'd like to bring a more up to date view on the "ANGELS BASKETBALL" team and their progress in the past two years that I have been captain. Working closely with the team I feel I should share with you all of the efforts as well as the disappointments the team has experienced.

Last year the teams progress wasn't what it could have been, due to several problems that arose. Lack of coaching made for certain problems along with lack of organization made for low team esteem. We did receive coaching however, by the middle of the season. A good effort was put into cultivating players potential by Garry Rasmussen. Refreeing also appeared to be one of our existing problems. The refreeing appeared to always be in favor of the visiting teams. Aside from the technical aspect of the biased calls, they also caused unnecessary tension and frustrations among our players.

A meeting was called here with myself and the rest of the leagues captains to discuss these problems. On behalf of the Angels, I expressed the feelings of frustration and anger we have been experiencing. We reached a decision that everyones co-operation was needed to run a smoother and trouble free game. We finished the season by winning our last game. What a way to end a season.

This year we had a dynamite turnout for the team. With the exception of Marlene Andres and myself we had all new players this year. With Garrys' coaching this year, I feel that we have put together a dynamite team. The interest and participation this year was much greater and we have learned to play as a team. Together!

The teams efforts did not go without notice. The outside teams arrived knowing that they were here to play ball. The refreeing was honest. The teams competitive and the inmate population full of support.

Although we finished the season winning only two games, both exhibition games, we feel that we have come a long way. A lot of team effort and work was put forth.

We ended the season with a party at which time two trophies were presented. Rookie of the year went to Sabina Schroder. Sabina you played well and worked hard for it. It was well earned. Yours truly won the most valuable player.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Garry for coming in on his own time to coach us. Your involvement with the team has definitely been to our advantage. For Sure!!

I would also like to thank the Angels for coming out and making this team work!!!

Thanks everyone
Marlene Whitehead (Captain)

ANGELS TEAM MEMBERS

Angel Choquette	Kim Newberry
Sabina Schroder	Sandy Nord
Emma Whonnake	Peggy Tarbox
Sandy Paquachon	Fran Sugar
Rose Turningrope	Bev Whitney
Debbie Clarke	Jenny Spek
Wendy Labon	Wendy Hewko
Nic Kaminsky	Marlene Andres
Marlene Whitehead	

Marlene has since been released and we wish her well. I am sure that the basketball team will miss her greatly.

C'EST LA VIE

J'aimerais dédier ces quelques lignes à toutes les personnes qui ont l'impression que leur vie ne vaut pas la peine d'être vécue.....

Lorsque tu te sens vides et que la mort te semble la seule issue, regarde près de toi,
puise en toi cette énergie que chacun possède.
Car tu as une vie à vivre, des amours et des êtres à combler.
Un jour, je me sentais ainsi, j'étais seul au monde, du moins je le croyais.
Mais j'ai découvert ce que c'était le monde, la terre, ses habitants.
Alors, je me suis mis une idée en tête.
J'ai réglé ma vie à ma manière.
J'ai vécu ma vie à ma façon,
Et non à la façon voulue des autres.
Toi qui me lis, n'oublie pas ceci: ne cesse jamais de combattre,
Car tu commettrais une grave erreur.
En combattant, tu atteindras certainement un jour le sommet de cette montagne,
Qui te semble infranchissable.
C'est la vie.....

By Angèle

TIGHTWIRE Publications

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Dear Reader,

Now that "Tightwire" is self supporting and is receiving no financial assistance from the system, we have no alternative but to tighten up on our operation.

Due to the increase in costs of postage, paper, and other materials needed to operate a paper, we now find that we have to increase our subscription rates to \$6.00 per year for six issues.

We will also have to pull back on our free copies. Free copies will still go to prisoners of any institution that requests one, to all institutional libraries, and to all people that we have an exchange policy with. We ask that all Correctional Staff either make a contribution to "Tightwire" or better yet, buy a full subscription. All other departments of the system, we would greatly appreciate a full subscription from you also.

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Sincerely,

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Re-Trial Detainees' Manual This 160 page book was prepared to give prisoners information about how basic rights exist in the real world of criminal justice, and what must be done to organize a legal defense from inside jail. Free to anyone in jail awaiting trial from Center for Constitutional Rights, 53 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003.

Through the Looking Glass Women's & Childres's prison newsletter. Box 22061, Seattle, Wash. 98122.

Fortune News Published by the Fortune Society, a non-profit organization of ex-offenders. Inmate Subscriptions: Fortune Society, 29 Park Ave. So., New York, N.Y. 10003.

Bulldozer "The Only Vehicle for Prison Reform" P.O. Box 5052, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5W 1W4.

Newsletter of the HAPOTOC Collective Prison collective in Holland APOTOC, P.O. Box 10638, Amsterdam, Holland.

The Second Wave A magazine of ongoing feminism. Box 344, Cambridge A, Cambridge, Mass. 02139.

New Women's Times Rochester NY's feminist newspaper. 864 Meigs St., Rochester, N.Y. 14620

The Guardian Independent radical newsweekly. 33W. 17th St., New York, N.Y. 10011. (1.00 per year for prisoners)

Madness Network News Quarterly journal of the psychiatric inmates/anti-psychiatry movement. P.O. Box 684, San Francisco, CA. 94101

Womanews New York City feminist newspaper. P.O. Box 220, Village Station, New York, N.Y. 10014.

off our backs A national women's journal. 1724 20th St., N.W., Wash. D.C. 20009.

Lesbian Poetry An Anthology. Persephone Press, P.O. Box 7222, Watertown, Mass. 02172.

Feminary A feminist journal for the South, emphasizing the lesbian vision. P.O. Box 954, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514.

Azalea Magazine by and for 3rd World Lesbians. P.O. Box 200, Cooper Station, New York, N.Y. 10003

Sinister Wisdom Journal for the lesbian imagination in all women. P.O. Box 660, Amherst, Mass. 01004

Gay Community News Weekly lesbian and gay newspaper. 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108. Free pen pal ads may be placed on a space available basis. Also free to gay men in prison.

Monthly Cycle Kansas women's newsletter c/o Spinsters Books, P.O. Box 1306, Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Women Against Sexist Violence in Pornography & Media Newsletter P.O. Box 7172, Pittsburgh, P.A. 15213

Alliance for the Liberation of Mental Patients Newsletter 1427 Walnut St., 4th Fl., Philadelphia, P.A. 19102

Southern Coalition Report on Jails and Prisons Published by the Southern Coalition on Jails and Prisons, Inc., P.O. Box 120044, Nashville, Tenn. 37212

Sister Source Midwest Lesbian/feminist newspaper. P.O. Box 14070, Chicago, Ill. 60614

Writing for Rights/Voices Behind Prison Walls Newsletter by Sisters of Inner-Connections. 3617 Hamilton St., Philadelphia, P.A. 19104

Bayou La Rose c/o Kamalla, Rt. 3, Box 144D, Huntsville, Ark. 72740

Common Lives/Lesbian Lives Box 1553, Iowa City, I.A. 52244

Inside/Out Poetry and prose from America's prisons. Prisoners get \$20.00 per short story, poem or art work upon publication. GPO Box 1185, New York, N.Y. 10116

Big Mama Rag A feminist newsjournal. 1724 Gaylord St., Denver CO. 80206

Union W.A.G.E. P.O. Box 40904, San Francisco, Ca. 94140

Newsletter of the Lavender Left Lesbian and Gay leftist newsletter. P.O. Box 512, Village Station, New York, N.Y. 10014

Radical America An independent Marxist journal. 38 Union Square, Somerville, MA. 02143

Matrix P.O. Box 722, Olympia, Wash. 98507

Red Dragon Newsletter Northwest-oriented prison news and & analysis from a Marxist-Leninist perspective. Written and edited by prisoners. N.W.P.O., Box 20613, Broadway Station, Seattle, WA. 98102

Conditions A magazine of writing by women with an emphasis on writing by lesbians. P.O. Box 56, Van Brunt Station, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215

Arm the Spirit A revolutionary prisoners newspaper. Haight-Ashbury Arts Workshop, P.O. Box 5548, Berkeley, CA. 94705

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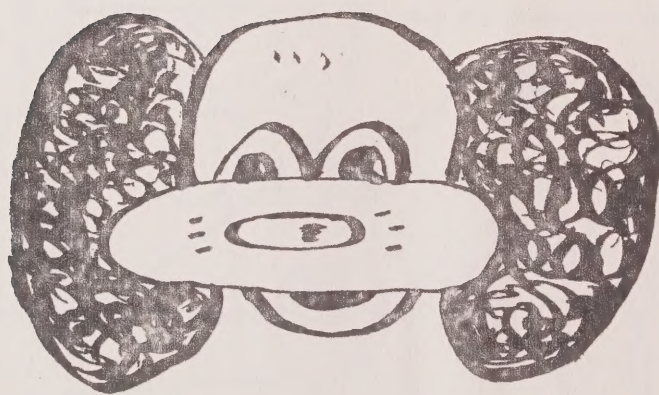
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